

Friends of the
Chemung County Library District
Presents
BOOKS SANDWICHED IN - FALL 2015

October 2

Flash Boys by Michael Lewis—Reviewed by Tom Wirth, Senior Vice President of Investor Services Chemung Canal Bank. This book is about a small group of Wall Street men who discover that the U.S. stock market has been “rigged” for the benefit of insiders. *Flash Boys* sets out to reform the financial markets.

October 9

A Big Little Life: A Memoire of a Joyful Dog Named Trixie by Dean Koontz— Eve Crittenden Seward, Retired Researcher and Trainer of Quality Control at Corning, Inc. In the writing of his dog's biography, the author reveals his own life and philosophy. Koontz’s writing about mystery and mayhem in the fiction category has brought him success. This book also establishes him as a great philosopher.

November 6

Teen Reading Challenge featuring Panelists Conrad Niedzielski, Horseheads High School, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins; Olivia Losito, Corning High School, *Paper Towns* by John Green; Ben Shaw, Home Schooled, *Speak* by Laurie Halse; Anderson Madison Melott, Home Schooled, *Malice* by Chris Wooding. Panel Moderated by Doris Jean Metzger, Teen Librarian, Chemung County Library District.

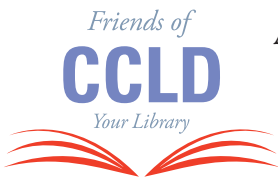
November 13

Crossing Antarctica by Will Steger and John Bowermaster—Reviewed by Dr. Frank Gudas, Retired Radiologist M.D. and past president of the former *Friends of the Steele*. Polar explorations have been very limited. Steger and Bowermaster finished a complete crossing of Antarctica using dog sleds. Their adventure--the first with dogs--was amazing and incredibly challenging.

All reviews are held Fridays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Steele Memorial Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901
A light sandwich lunch may be purchased for \$3.50 or you may bring your own.
If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the book review will be rescheduled.

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November 3, 2015

Vote “YES” for the Chemung County
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*Libraries Change Lives
Libraries Grow Community*

Friends of CCLD Funded
Programs, Events and
Equipment
January - October, 2015

Teen Halloween Ball	\$1,655	District
Children’s Spooky Stacks	\$1,000	District
Popcorn Machine & Cart	\$ 964	Steele
CCLD Maker Expo	\$ 700	District
Tinker Lab Digital Sign	\$ 400	Steele
Robotics League Laptop	\$ 776	Steele
Local History Preservation	\$ 500	Steele
Summer Reading Event	\$ 750	Steele
Magic/Comedy Show	\$ 500	Big Flats
Heroes Among Us Storytelling	\$ 700	West Elmira
Summer Reading Club	\$ 850	West Elmira
Summer Reading Club Party	\$1,600	District
Summer Concert Series	\$2,000	District
Origami Book Making	\$ 200	Steele
Children’s Easter Program	\$ 500	District
Kids Poster Art Workshop	\$ 300	Big Flats
3 Folk Art Programs	\$ 510	Van Etten



Friends Summer Concert Series, Steele Memorial
Library by The Elmira Promenade, July 2015.

I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library. ~ Jorge Luis Borges

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Annual Book Sale

Save the Date

The Friends Annual Book Sale will be held at the Arnot Mall February 4 - 13, 2016. Book Sale location: Store adjacent to the Bon Ton using the Ruby Tuesday entrance.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Book Sale, please send an email to friendsofcclld@gmail.com or mail info to Friends of CCLD, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901. More information will appear on the Friends of CCLD Facebook page, in the CCLD Newsletter and at your local library in the coming weeks.

Friends of CCLD Annual Book Sale, February 4 - 13, 2016, Arnot Mall!

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A Tribute to Mary Welles Smith

The Friends of the CCLD, the local community and my family lost an important leader and proud supporter of literacy this summer in the passing of Mary Welles Smith. My grandmother sat on the board of the Friends of the Steele Memorial Library, now the Friends of the CCLD, for over 30 years.

As a grandchild it is normal to find interest in one's grandparents' passions. I would sit with her from time to time and hear about the mystery novels that she had read in a given week. An animal detective solved some of these, usually a dog. As a child I did not understand her fascination by these fantastical fictions. I grew to understand that her connection was with her later-life partners, her own pups: Tee Tee, Jasper and Tess. She found wonder and happiness in these stories, and I learned from her that reading was more than instructional: it is tantamount to humanity.

My grandmother loved the Friends Annual Book Sale. It was like a church cake sale, but better. Donated, discounted and discarded books not only enrich people's lives through their low-cost purchase, but the money goes back into the library system to pay for a variety of literacy initiatives. Some of my fondest memories of her were during the set-up of the Sale, and the way her eyes lit up when she saw me as a child finding a random science book with pictures of nebulae, dinosaurs and big machines.

The same passion that she held was bestowed on to me, and has kept the passion and vision of the Friends of the CCLD going strong. Donations honoring her memory have raised over \$3,000 that will support the Chemung County Library District.

The Friends, my family and I humbly thank you for all the kind words remembering her work. We will continue to support the idea that everyone has the right to learn, dream, grow, imagine, create and help the future generations understand the importance of reading.

Matthias Smith

New Board Members

Friends would like to welcome its newest members: Jim Galbraith, Colleen Walker and Venitra (Vee) Clark.

Jim:

I am very happy to be a new member of the board of the Friends of the Chemung County Library District. I grew up in West Elmira, but was away for 20 years - living in eight different states - before moving back to Elmira in 2013. I have wonderful childhood memories of visits to the West Elmira and Steele Memorial Libraries. Going to the library inspired my life-long love of reading and history, and also my career as librarian. I am honored to have the opportunity to be able to give back to the library which inspired me so much.

I've been working in libraries since getting my MLS from Buffalo in 1996. Previously, I was Associate University Librarian for Collections at

DePaul University in Chicago. I am currently Chief Librarian of The Rakow Library at the Corning Museum of Glass. I look forward to working with the other board members and with the wonderful people in the libraries of the CCLD.

Colleen:

I am a life-long Elmira resident with two grown daughters. In my spare time I feed my popcorn addiction and work on home improvement projects. My favorite author at the moment is Jane Austen, and I also enjoy books about animals, food and travel. When I'm not working on my house or popping popcorn, I like to scour flea markets and thrift stores for vintage cookbooks to add to my collection.

Serving on the Friends of the Chemung County Library District board will allow me to combine two passions: creating more book lovers and putting books in the hands of book lovers.

Vee:

I was born and raised in Elmira. After graduating from Elmira College (72), I moved to Brooklyn with my then husband, Greg. We became proud parents of our daughter, Tara. After Greg and I amicably divorced, my daughter and I returned to Elmira. I also have two lovely granddaughters, Pearl and Haila.

In September 1977, I was fortunate to become part of the opening of the Clemens Center Performing Arts Center. As the Clemens Center's Director of House Operations/House Manager, it was a joy to be part of a burgeoning institution in the Southern Tier. Alas, after 38 years of service, it was time to move on to my next adventure. So, I retired in March 2015.

During the last 38 years, I have been a member of the following organizations: Thursday Morning Musicales, American Association of University Women and the YWCA Board. I am presently a member of the City of Elmira Master Plan 2 Committee. I also am an avid book reviewer for NetGallery.com, Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Vee Clark's Book Review Blog. Over the last two years, I have had the privilege to review two novels for Books Sandwiched In at the Steele Memorial Library. What an honor!

Friends of CCLD-Funded Makers Expo, Steele Library May 2015.